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COASTAL PROGRAM

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LAKE COUNTY
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LAKE

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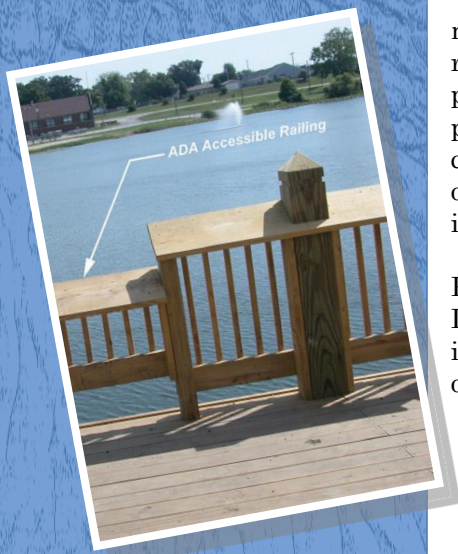
LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

GRANT AWARD

\$80,000

LOCAL SHARE

\$80,000



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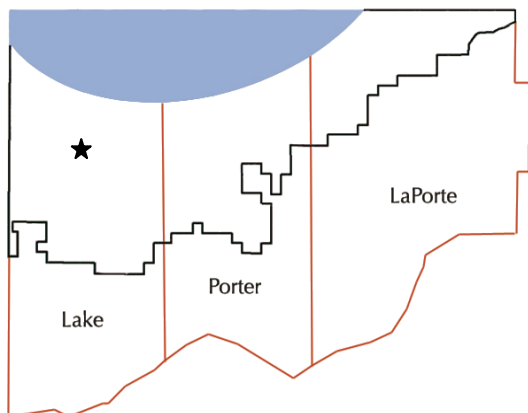


Fancher Lake Natural Area Restoration and Public Access

The Board of Commissioners of Lake County proposed the Fancher Lake Natural Area Restoration and Public Access Enhancement Project to protect the natural resources found at Fancher Lake and to enhance the public's experience at the park. The project implemented recommendations outlined in the Lake County Fairgrounds Master Plan and Visioning Study presented in 2000. This study reflects the Board of Commissioners' recognition that the Fairgrounds are a vital resource with the potential to enrich the quality of life in Lake County.

The project implemented several restoration priorities listed in the master plan that included removing exotic species, shoreline stabilization, restoring the native aquatic and emergent habitats, restoring the native prairie/upland habitat along sloped portions of the property, restoring native prairie habitat to create a vegetative buffer for water quality protection, constructing three accessible fishing piers and one accessible wildlife observation overlook, installing an aeration pump in Fancher Lake, and installing informational signs in the restoration areas to educate patrons.

The project was a collaborative between Lake County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Lake County Solid Waste Management District. Projects such as this one reflect the commitment of Lake County to improve the natural habitat and enhance recreation opportunities on county-owned property.



RESULT: Stabilized the shoreline, restored plant communities and improved recreation access around Fancher Lake.